Terrorist incidents in Jammu and Kashmir

†2638. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of incidents of terrorists have decreased and number of tourists are on the increase in Kashmir, the details of the same during the last three years; and

(b) whether travelling in Kashmir is safe for tourists, the details of efforts made by Government for safety of passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir. As reported by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, the details of the number of incidents of terrorists and the number of tourists who visited the State during the last three years are given below:—

Year	Total no. of terrorists incidents	Total no. of tourists visited
2003	3401	178022
2004	2565	394962
2005	1990	600825

(b) The State Government and Security Forces, in an endeavour to make the security environment progressively safer for tourists, have taken the following steps:

(i) A separate tourist police and enforcement wing at Srinagar/Jammu and other tourist places exists which looks after and protects the interests of the tourists in the State. The tourist police are empowered to take cognizance in cases of cheating and harassment.

(ii) Adequate deployment of Security Forces/State Police is being ensured around the tourist spots and also roads leading to such places.

(iii) Regular patrolling and anti-sabotage checks are being undertaken in and around tourist places and roads leading there.

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(iv) A separate arrangement operational on a permanent basis exists at the Shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi at Katra and its proximity.

(v) Special security arrangements have been made for the pilgrims to Shri Amarnath Ji cave, Pahalgam and Kheer Bhawani. Security Forces are ensuring a multi-tired security system for the pilgrims.

Union Government provides necessary support to the State Government on request and continuously monitors the security situation.

Reduction in CPFs in J&K

†2639. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of terrorism have declined in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether Government have reduced the number of Central Police Forces deployed for the safety of citizens in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) whether the present strength of police force is sufficient to provide safety to citizens of Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The number of incidents of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir has declined. The comparative figures for the last three years are given below:—

Year	Terrorist incidents
2003	3401
2004	2565
2005	1990

(b) and (c) The number of Central Police Forces (CPFs) deployed in Jammu and Kashmir for Internal Security/Counter Insurgency duties has not been reduced. The number of CPFs deployed for countering terrorism in the State is adequate to tackle the situation.

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